

Minutes of the meeting of State level Expert Appraisal committee held on 11.04.2013 in the office chamber of Member Secretary, JSPCB, Ranchi.

Meeting was held on 11.04.2013 at 11:30 am in which following members were present-

1. Sri A.K. Saxena - Chairman
2. Prof. Shatrunjay Kr. Singh - Member
3. Sri M.C. Mahata - Member
4. Sri Shiv Kumar Singh - Member
5. Sri S.K. Sinha, - Secretary
Member Secretary, JSPCB

Government of India vide Gazette Notification dated 27th December 2012 has constituted SEIAA and SEAC committees for the State of Jharkhand. The first meeting of SEAC was held on 11th April 2013 with the objective to discuss the procedures to be considered by it while evaluating the Projects.

The following points were discussed for taking up with SEIAA & obtain their guideline so that Project Clearances can be taken up expeditiously for the Projects submitted for appraisal with SEIAA and which are likely to be forwarded to SEAC committee by SEIAA.

1. A number of Projects for consideration by SEAC Jharkhand will fall in "B" Category defined in EIA Notification. As per The Supreme Court Judgment dated 27th February 2012 all leases of minor minerals including their renewal for an area less than 5ha and which were not covered under B Category earlier, have been brought under the ambit of obtaining Environmental Clearance.

It was felt that several small projects which did not fall under category B previously, will be placed before this Committee. There are no guidelines at present which define Projects which will fall under Category B1 or B2.

It is understood that MOEF has constituted a Committee which is formulating guidelines for categorization of projects under "B1 & B2" Category. In absence of these guidelines SEIAA'S of various States have developed their own guidelines. In view of same similar Guidelines for Jharkhand may be formulated by SEIAA for guidance of SEAC, Jharkhand. Data received from Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra is enclosed for reference.

In case SEIAA feels appropriate it may seek opinion from MOEF. SEIAA may also like refer to the decision taken by EAC constituted by MOEF for Mining Projects in its 30th meeting held on 28th to 31st August 2012.(Copy Enclosed)

SEAC requests SEIAA to kindly provide it with guidelines about the procedure to be adopted specially regarding small mining projects having less than 5 ha area enlisted below.

- A. Approval of mining plan
- B. Public Hearing
- C. Preparation of EIA/EMP reports
- D. Preparation of EIA report by Accredited Consultants & Presentation of same by approved Expert/Coordinator.

Note - In case public hearing is waived for small projects proponents SEAC suggests that SEIAA may at least consider that the Project Proponent obtains no objection from Gram Sabha/ Gram Pradhan/ Mukhia.

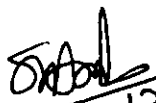
2. Regarding guidelines SEAC feels that guideline available with MOEF should be adopted / followed. In addition the guidelines suggested by SEIAA will be followed.
3. Considering the situation in Jharkhand it will be worth while that the project proponent provide the following information along with the project proposal-
 - (i) The project does not violate the provisions under CNT, Act.
 - (ii) Clearance from local authorities.
 - (iii) Clearance from Forest authorities.
 - (iv) For Mining projects letter from DMO indicating if the mines are in isolation or they are in Continuation with other mining projects.

These may be considered for incorporation in the Application Form.

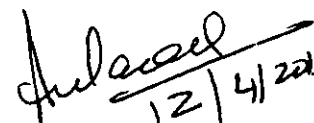
4. SEAC felt that the ongoing govt. Project (Central & State) being executed be given priority. SEIAA may like to consider this while forwarding the cases to SEAC for evaluation.

It was felt that a separate office for functioning of SEAC be established. This office may be in close proximity with SEIAA office. SEIAA may like to consider.

Encl- As above.


Secretary 12/4/13

SEAC


12/4/2013.
Chairman

SEAC